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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/525,500	Applicant(s) AMTMANN ET AL.	
	Examiner Walter E. Webb	Art Unit 1609	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 September 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Status of Claims

Claims 1-12 are pending and rejected.

Specification

Arrangement of the Specification

As provided in 37 CFR 1.77(b), the specification of a utility application should include the following sections in order. Each of the lettered items should appear in upper case, without underlining or bold type, as a section heading. If no text follows the section heading, the phrase "Not Applicable" should follow the section heading:

- (a) TITLE OF THE INVENTION.
- (b) CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS.
- (c) STATEMENT REGARDING FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH OR DEVELOPMENT.
- (d) THE NAMES OF THE PARTIES TO A JOINT RESEARCH AGREEMENT.
- (e) INCORPORATION-BY-REFERENCE OF MATERIAL SUBMITTED ON A COMPACT DISC.
- (f) BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION.
 - (1) Field of the Invention.
 - (2) Description of Related Art including information disclosed under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
- (g) BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION.
- (h) BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWING(S).
- (i) DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION.
- (j) CLAIM OR CLAIMS (commencing on a separate sheet).
- (k) ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE (commencing on a separate sheet).
- (l) SEQUENCE LISTING (See MPEP § 2424 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825. A "Sequence Listing" is required on paper if the application discloses a nucleotide or amino acid sequence as defined in 37 CFR 1.821(a) and if the required "Sequence Listing" is not submitted as an electronic document on compact disc).

Applicant's specification is missing section headings: Title of Invention, Background of the Invention, Brief Summary of the invention, Abstract of the Disclosure (commencing on a separate sheet).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 9, 10 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential steps, such omission amounting to a gap between the steps. See MPEP § 2172.01. The omitted steps are: how one treats a cancerous disease (claims 9 and 10), and how one produces the preparation of claim 1 (claim 12).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-4, and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Watt et al. (Journal of Inorganic Nuclear Chemistry, 1965).

Applicant claims a pharmaceutical preparation of formula (I): $\text{Pd}(\text{S}_2\text{COR})_2$, where the pharmaceutical can be Bis(O-ethyl-dithiocarbonato)palladium (II) (claim 4).

Watt et al. teach a process of making methyl and ethylxanthato complexes of platinum (Pt(II)) and palladium (Pd(II)). (See Notes pg. 899) In particular they teach

Bis(O-ethyl-dithiocarbonato)palladium (II) represented by
Bis(ethylxanthato)palladium(II). (See *ibid.*) Xanthano is a dithiocarbonate compound
represented by S₂COR.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all
obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Watt et al. (Journal of Inorganic Nuclear Chemistry, 1965) in view of Antmann et al., (US 2002/0004526).

Applicant claims a pharmaceutical and process of making a pharmaceutical of claim 1 further comprising a pharmaceutically compatible inert carrier or diluent (claim 8 and 12), cyclosporin, rapamycin (claim 5), cytokines, interferon (claim 6), and a method for treatment of cancerous disease (claims 9 and 11) where the disease is bronchial carcinoma or colorectal carcinoma (claim 10).

Watt et al. teach a process of making methyl and ethylxanthato complexes of platinum (Pt(II)) and palladium (Pd(II)). (See Notes pg. 899) In particular they teach Bis(O-ethyl-dithiocarbonato)palladium (II) represented by Bis(ethylxanthato)palladium(II). (Ibid.)

Watt et al. do not teach the compound further comprising a pharmaceutically compatible inert carrier or diluent, cyclosporin, rapamycin, cytokines, interferon, or a method for treatment of cancerous disease, where the disease is bronchial carcinoma or colorectal carcinoma.

Antmann et al. teach platinum complex compounds an example of which is bis(O-ethyldithiocarbonato)platinum (II). (See abstract at 57 of cover page and page 2, paragraph [0039].) They teach that this compound treats various cancerous diseases including bronchial carcinomas or colorectal carcinoma. (See pg. 2, paragraph [0037].) They also teach that pharmaceutical active substances can be added including cyclosporine, rampamycin, cytokines or interferon. (See pg. 3, paragraph [0051]. This compound also further comprises a pharmaceutically compatible inert carrier or diluent. (See pg. 6, claim 8.)

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to use the compound of Watt as claimed in the instant application since Antmann teach a similar compound used in the same manner as claimed in the instant application. The Artisan would know that the platinum of the Antmann compound could be substituted with palladium since both are transitional metals and Watt et al. teach both platinum and palladium ethylxanthato complexes (see pg. 899). "[A] person of ordinary skill in the art has good reason to pursue the known options within his or her technical grasp. If this leads to the anticipated success, it is likely the product not of innovation but of ordinary skill and common sense." *KSR International Co. v. Teleflex Inc.*, 82 USPQ2d 1385, 1390.

Moreover, because both compounds are similar the Artisan would know that both compounds would have a similar function. MPEP § 2144.09 states that a prima facie case of obviousness may be made when chemical compounds have very close structural similarities. "Compounds which are position isomers (compounds having the same radicals in physically different positions on the same nucleus) or homologs (compounds differing regularly by the successive addition of the same chemical group, e.g., by -CH₂- groups) are generally of sufficiently close structural similarity that there is a presumed expectation that such compounds possess similar properties." (See MPEP 2144.09.)

Conclusion

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Walter E. Webb whose telephone number is (571) 270-3287. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00am-5:00pm Mon-Fri EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey Stucker can be reached on (571) 272-0911. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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